

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for management of resources of a portable resource module ~~modules~~ [[(1)]], ~~which modules are each~~ the resource module connected to a communication terminal [[(2)]] and ~~are~~ designed in particular as a chipcard~~[[,]]~~ and the resources comprising electronic memory units [[(11)]], the method comprising:

transmitting a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification identifying the resource module, to a resource management centre [[(4)]];

transmitting a second resource management instruction from the resource management centre [[(4)]] via a communication network [[(3)]] to the resource module [[(1)]] identified through the module identification~~[[,]]~~;

making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism [[(11)]] in the identified resource module [[(1)]];

transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified resource module [[(1)]] via the communication network [[(3)]] to the resource management centre [[(4)]]; and

storing information in the resource management centre [[(4)]] about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1,

wherein the module identification and an application request are transmitted by the user of the communication terminal [[(2)]] to an application management unit [[(5)]],

wherein the first resource management instruction is transmitted by the application management unit [[(5)]] to the resource management centre [[(4)]] on the basis of the

received application request, the first resource management instruction comprising a resource user identification, and

wherein the resource user identification is stored, assigned to the module identification, in the resource management centre [(4)].

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 2,

wherein a resource preparation confirmation is transmitted from the resource management centre [(4)] to the application management unit [(5)],

wherein an application installation request is transmitted from the application management unit [(5)] via the communication network [(3)] to the particular resource module [(1)],

wherein an application is installed in the particular resource module [(1)] through the resource control mechanism [(11)] in accordance with the application installation request using the prepared resources, and

wherein information about the installed application is stored in the application management unit [(5)], the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 or 2~~,

wherein in the resource management centre [(4)] an application installation request is inserted into the second resource management instruction,

wherein an application is installed in the particular resource module [(1)] through the resource control mechanism [(11)] in accordance with the application installation request, and

wherein information about the installed application is stored in the resource management centre $[(4)]$, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the communication address of the communication terminal $[(2)]$ is determined from a data store $[(32)]$ in which module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~, wherein managed in addition are software resources $[(113)]$ of the resource modules $[(1)]$.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:
a ~~multiplicity~~ plurality of portable resource modules $[(1, 1')]$, each connected to a communication terminal $[(2, 2', 2'')]$ and each comprising a resource control mechanism $[(111)]$ for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module $[(1, 1')]$, the resources comprising electronic memory units $[(11)]$, and ~~which the~~ portable resource modules are designed ~~in particular~~ as chipcards, and wherein the system comprises
a resource management centre $[(4)]$ ~~with~~ including a receiving module $[(43)]$ for receiving a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the resource management centre $[(4)]$, the resource management centre $[(4)]$ ~~comprises also including~~ a management instruction module $[(44)]$ for transmitting, to the resource module $[(1)]$ identified by the module identification, a second resource

management instruction via a communication network [(3)] connected to the resource management centre [(4)],

wherein the resource modules [(1)] each ~~comprise~~ include a confirmation module [(112)] for transmission of a resource management confirmation via the communication network [(3)] to the resource management centre [(4)] concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism [(111)] in accordance with a received second resource management instruction, and

the resource management centre [(4)] ~~comprises~~ includes a management module [(45)] and a data store [(41)] for storing information about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 7,

wherein the system ~~comprises~~ includes an application management unit [(5)] for receiving the module identification and an application request from the user of the communication terminal [(2)] and for transmitting the first resource management instruction to the resource management centre [(4)] on the basis of the received application request,

the first resource management instruction ~~comprises~~ includes a resource user identification, and

wherein the management module [(45)] ~~comprises~~ includes means for storing in the data store [(41)] the resource user identification in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 8,

wherein the resource management module [(4)] ~~comprises~~ includes a confirmation module [(46)] for transmission of a resource preparation confirmation to the application management unit [(5)],

wherein the application management unit [(5)] ~~comprises~~ includes an application instructions module [(54)] for transmitting an application installation request via the communication network [(3)] to the particular resource module [(1)],

wherein the resource control mechanism [(11)] ~~comprises~~ includes means for installing an application in the respective resource module [(1)] in accordance with the application installation request and using the prepared resources, and

wherein the application management unit [(5)] ~~comprises~~ includes an application management module [(55)] for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 7 or 8~~
claim 7,

wherein the management instruction module [(44)] ~~comprises~~ includes means for inserting an application installation request into the second resource management instruction,

wherein the resource control mechanism [(11)] ~~comprises~~ includes means of installing an application in the respective resource module [(1)] in accordance with the application installation request, and

wherein the management module [(45)] ~~comprises~~ includes means for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store [(41)].

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 7 to 10~~
claim 7,

wherein the system it comprises an address mapping unit $[(31)]$ and a data store $[(32)]$ for determining the communication address of the communication terminal $[(2)]$ in which data store $[(32)]$ module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 7 to 11~~
claim 7,

wherein the resources which are made ready and released through the resource control mechanism $[(111)]$ further comprise, in addition, software resources $[(113)]$.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A resource management centre $[(4)]$ for management of resources of portable resource modules $[(1, 1')]$, each portable resource module being connected to a communication terminal $[(2, 2', 2'')]$, and each portable resource module comprising a resource control mechanism $[(111)]$ for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module $[(1)]$, the resources comprising electronic memory units $[(11)]$, and which portable resource modules are designed in particular as chipcards, ~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~ comprising:

a receiving module $[(43)]$ for receiving a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the resource management centre $[(4)]$;

~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~

a management instruction module $[(44)]$ for transmitting, to the resource module $[(1)]$ identified through the module identification, a second resource management

instruction via a communication network $[(3)]$ connectible to the resource management centre $[(4)]$; ~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~

means for receiving a resource management confirmation via the communication network $[(3)]$ from the identified resource module $[(1)]$ concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism $[(11)]$ in accordance with the received second resource management instruction $[\cdot]$; and ~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~

a management module $[(45)]$ and a data store $[(41)]$ for storing information about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The resource management centre $[(4)]$ according to claim 13,

wherein the management instruction module $[(44)]$ further comprises means for inserting an application installation request into the second resource management instruction, and

wherein the management module $[(45)]$ further comprises means for storing information about an application installed in the particular resource module $[(1)]$ in accordance with the application installation request, the information being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store $[(41)]$.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The resource management centre $[(4)]$ according to claim 13 further comprising $[\cdot]$

~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~ a confirmation module $[(46)]$ for transmitting a resource preparation confirmation to an application management

unit [(5)] from which the first resource management instruction was received by the receiving module [(43)],

wherein the management module [(45)] further comprises means for storing a resource user identification contained in the first resource management instruction, the resource user identification being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store [(41)].